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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on October 19, 2011. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time, extending the due date for response to April 19, 2012. Applicant encloses a Request for Continued Examination. Prior to examination, please enter this Amendment and Response and consider the accompanying remarks. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and Request for Continued Examination to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081. In the event any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

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Applicant's **Remarks** begin on page 13.